THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) As has been outlined in the Seventh Five Year Plan Document, increasing foodgrain production, requires strengthening of all support systems. During discussions with the State Governments on their Annual Plan proposals, it is seen if any improvement in any of the support system is required for achieving the production targets. Apart from the Annual Plan discussions, the Planning Commission advises individual State Governments on various aspects relevant to agricultural production including foodgrains production. There is thus a continuing dialogue between the State Governments and the Planning Commission and Government of India on various aspects of agricultural development and during the course of the same States are advised to strengthen various components of the support system, as and when called for.

As envisaged in the Seventh Plan Document, the base of agricultural production has to be broadened through infrastructural development *e.g.* irrigation, drainage, roads, markets and institution for providing credit to the less developed regions, extension of new technology so that agricultural production is not only accelerated but annual fluctuations in output are also reduced. As a result of implementation of the above strategy, agriculture could contribute more effectively to the fulfilment of the national objectives of self-reliance, reduction of poverty and increase in productivity.

Allocation of Foodgrains under ITDP in Orissa

363. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of rice, wheat and other foodgrains allotted in 1986-87 to Orissa at concessional rate under the Integrated Tribal Development Project;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the allocation of the foodgrains in the current financial year for the Integrated Tribal Development Project areas in the country; and

(c) if so, the additional allocation of foodgrains proposed to be made available under the ITDP to Orissa during the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The quantities of wheat and rice issued by FCI to the Government of Orissa for distribution under the scheme for supply of foodgrains at specially subsidised rates in ITDP areas during 1986-87 are as follows:—

	(Figes in thousand tonnes)
Wheat	12.2
Rice	40.6

(b) and (c) Issues of foodgrains under the scheme are made out of the allocations for the Public Distribution System. No separate allocations are made for the purpose.

Number of Sugar Mills in the Country

364. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar mills in each State, at present;

(b) the number of sugar mills lying sick or closed down;

(c) whether Government propose to take over those sick mills;

(d) the present policy of Government in regard to establishing new sugar mills in the country;

(e) the number of applications for setting up new sugar mills received, cleared and lying with Government for clearance, as on date, State-wise; and

(f) the number of new sugar mills likely to be established during the Seventh Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) A Statement-I giving the position is attached. (*See* below)

(b) 31 Sugar Mills are reported not to have gone in for production till 15th February during the 1987-88 season.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) For licensing of new sugar mills during the Seventh Plan period, the first priority is to be given to the Cooperative Sector followed by public sector and lastly by the private sector. The basic criterion for establishment of a new sugar factory would be abundant availability of sugarcane in a compact area around the proposed factory site. Establishment of new sugar units in backward areas would be given priority subject to adequate cane availability and techno-economic feasibility.

(e) A Statement-II indicating the position is attached. (*See* below)

(f) 24 new sugar mills have gone into production during the Seventh Five Year Plan so far. 10 more sugar mills of 1250 TCD capacity each in regard to which letters of intent were granted during the Sixth Five Year Plan are likely to go into production during the remaining period of the Seventh Plan. Besides this, a few sugar mills in respect of which letters of intent have been granted after the issue of guidelines for the Seventh Five Year Plan are also likely to be established during this period.

Statement-I

Number of installed Sugar Mills in each State (As on 15-2-1988)

S.No.	State	Number
1	Uttar Pradesh	104
2	Bihar	30
3	Punjab	13
4	Haryana	8
5	West Bengal	2
6	Assam	3
7	Nagaland	1
8	Rajasthan	3
9	Madhya Pradesh	8
10	Orissa	3
11	Maharashtra	98
12	Gujarat	16
13	Goa	1

S.No.	State	Number
14	Tamil Nadu	26
15	Karnataka	28
16	Pondicherry	2
17	Andhra Pradesh	34
18	Kerala	3
	TOTAL:	383

Statement.II

Details of Applications received, cleared, rejected. pending with the Department of Food for the establishment of new Sugar Factories after the Announcement of Guidelines vide Press Note dated 2-1-1987, *during the Seventh Plan Period*

(As on 22-2-1988)

S.No.	State	Received	Cleared	Rejected	Pending
1	Uttar Pradesh	5	2	1	2@
2	Maharashtra	8	2	2	4*
3	Punjab	6	4	2	..
4	Tamil Nadu	13£	9	3	..
5	Haryana	3	..	..	3@
6	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1	..	..	1*

£ One application was withdrawn by the State Government.

*These cases were considered by Screening Committee of the Department of Food on 5-1-88 and the Committee deferred decision in these cases for want of certain data on cane availability, irrigation potential etc. from the State Government.

@Considered by the Screening Committee of the Department of Food on 19-2-1988.

Scheme for Rural Development

365. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes taken up for rural development in the country during the last two years and the achievements made as a result thereof;

(b) whether any of the said schemes has been taken up and completed in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the assistance provided by Government to the each State during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF